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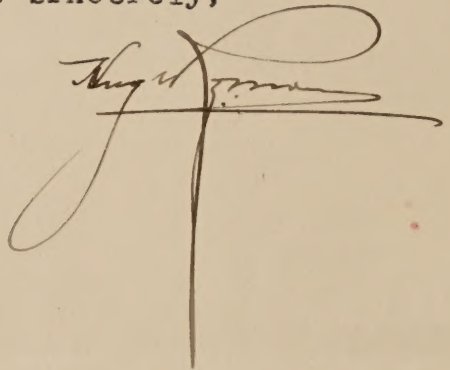
HUGH R. MONRO
PRESIDENT

February 3, 1934.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

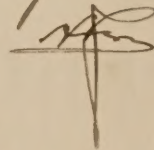
In cleaning out some of my old files I found correspondence and other documents relating to The Presbyterian which may have some interest for you. There are a few names on this list of contributors which may be worth while looking into, particularly that of Mr. R. D. Douglas of New York. Mr. Douglas is well advanced in years and until his retirement was head of the R. G. Dun Commercial Agency. He is a man of quite large means, and if you could get your case properly before him, I think he might help substantially. He is thoroughly conservative in his theological views.

Yours sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to Hugh R. Monroe, the president of the bank. The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent vertical stroke at the end.

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Elizabeth, N. J.

It is not necessary to return these papers.

A small, handwritten signature in dark ink, possibly a second signature or initials, located below the handwritten note.

HRM:S
Enclosure

April 1st, 1926.

Rev. William L. McEwan, D.D.,
836 South Negley Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. McEwan:

I had quite a long talk with Mr. V. T. Smith, business manager of The Presbyterian, the other day and strongly feel in connection with his business and promotion plans that an effort should be made to strengthen the paper editorially and widen the appeal of its contents. I do not overlook the fact that an important part of the message of the paper is to establish faith in the Scriptures and to represent in an effective way the conservative thought of our denomination. Nevertheless, there is a widespread opinion that the paper is too exclusively controversial, that is, the major part of each issue is taken up with matter of this sort with the result that not only are our conservative friends overfed, but those who have only a superficial interest in these issues, but who are loyally devoted to Presbyterian principles in the main, find very little in the paper which makes any appeal.

I feel I have gone about as far as my influence extends in altering the make-up and editorial policy, and, in fact, I am surprised that the editors have been willing to go as far as they have in following my suggestions. However, much more will be required if we are to measure up to our opportunity and I am wondering how we can secure the cooperation of the contributing editors toward a definite policy of improvement.

To illustrate what I mean: I believe a series of articles discussing the leading problems of our denomination at the present time would attract wide attention, especially if the contributors be some of the sanest and best known of our leaders. I am enclosing a sheet containing a series of eight topics which will indicate something of what I have in mind, and I think you will agree that an intelligent and constructive treatment of each of these themes would have considerable influence on their proper solution.

Take the problem of our Board of National Missions as an example. I have no doubt you know as well as I do the deplorable conditions which exist and the chaos into which the consolidation plan has thrown the activities formerly carried on by the separate boards. An editorial on this problem would probably attract little attention, but a strong

April 1st, 1926

constructive article dealing with its various phases and proposing definite remedies by some well qualified leader such as yourself or Dr. Maitland Alexander would prove of unestimable value at this juncture.

Again the problem of our theological seminaries and the training of a loyal ministry opens up an immense field for helpful information and suggestions to Presbyterians. Perhaps of equal importance and urgency is the problem of cooperation with outside bodies, such as the Federal Council of Churches. My own judgment is that irreparable injury is being done by this affiliation, confusing, as it does, the testimony of Presbyterianism with the loose views of Dr. Cadman, the indiscreet report on prohibition, the unwarranted interference in the steel strike, etc.

These are, of course, but a few of the questions to be raised. It would, of course, be unfortunate if these problems were to be dealt with in a partisan and unintelligent way, but I do not believe it would be a difficult matter to suggest the right men, some of them former moderators, who have the required information and who would write from the constructive standpoint.

Of course I cannot present this list of topics as the best that could be suggested or as in any sense complete, but I am sending it to you merely to indicate the point at which I think this editorial advance should begin.

Now that I have unburdened myself in this matter I shall await with interest an expression of your wise judgment on this plan and, if you approve, the best manner of initiating it.

Very truly yours,

Hugh R. Monroe.

HMM:TD

PRESBYTERIANISM TODAY

A SYMPOSIUM ON CURRENT PROBLEMS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1. The problem of sound teaching.
2. The problem of an intelligent and loyal ministry.
3. The problem of the outreach to our foreign populations and the unevangelized in America.
4. The problem of the world ministry of our Church.
5. The problem of the effective organization and coordination of our denominational activities.
6. The problem of cooperation with other bodies.
7. The problem of our educational institutions.
8. The problem of our young people.

THIRTEEN COMMENTS (Rewritten 1/29/26)

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Mr. Hugh R. Monro,
350 West 31st St.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Monro:-

Enclosed is a list of our special numbers for 1927, three of which have been issued. We have received considerable commendation of these, especially the Bible Number. If you approve of these numbers having editorial support as listed, it will help me if you would advise Dr. Craig of same. Confidentially, I feel he is afraid it may be too great an innovation for our paper. When I have requested space, he usually approves but rather reluctantly and it leaves me with an indefinite feeling as to the remainder of the program.

I am also asking Mr. Harbison's advice on this matter and would appreciate your criticism.

Very sincerely yours,

THE PRESBYTERIAN PUBLISHING CO.

Enc.

V. T. Smith,
Business Mgr.

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Special Numbers 1927

Date	Number	Special Copy	Contributed by
JAN.	6—FOREIGN MISSIONS	Stories and descriptive articles from the field, etc.	Board of Foreign Missions.
JAN.	27—BIBLE	Articles and stories describing the various agencies and methods of distributing and promoting the study of the Bible.	Officials and others interested in this work.
FEB. 17 FEB. 24	EVERY-MEMBER CANVASS	Accounts and data to aid churches and their workers in this task.	General Council.
MAR.	17—MINISTERIAL RELIEF	Descriptive matter concerning this work and the present campaign.	Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation and Laymen's Committee.
APR.	14—EASTER	Usual editorials, Easter stories, poems, etc.	Regular.
MAY	5—COMMISSIONERS'	Complete list of commissioners, instructions and data for General Assembly, articles descriptive of San Francisco, etc.	General Assembly, San Francisco correspondent, etc.
MAY	19—GENERAL ASSEMBLY	Last information from the General Assembly, history of the Presbyterian Church in San Francisco, San Francisco guide, etc.	General Assembly, San Francisco correspondent, etc.
JUNE	9—GENERAL ASSEMBLY REVIEW	Proceedings of the General Assembly.	Dr. Craig from San Francisco.
JUNE	16—EDUCATIONAL	Articles on education—the necessity, the advantages, and the means, etc.	Prominent educators, etc.
SEPT.	22—RALLY DAY	Write-up on renewed interest in church life.	Board of Christian Education.
OCT.	6—CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	Copy furnished by this Board descriptive of their work.	Board of Christian Education.
NOV.	3—NATIONAL MISSIONS	Articles describing work of this Board, supported by stories from the field.	Board of National Missions.
NOV.	17—THANKSGIVING	Proclamation, stories, etc.	Regular.
NOV.	24—BOOK	Articles relative to reading and the choice of reading matter.	National Publishers' Association and others.
DEC.	15—CHRISTMAS	Usual program.	Regular.
DEC.	29—NEW YEAR	Usual program.	Regular.

EACH OF THE ABOVE NUMBERS WILL BE SUPPORTED BY APPROPRIATE EDITORIALS

Dear Mr. Smith:

At this time when many new influences are at work to modify the historic position and standards of Presbyterianism, it becomes vitally important that our one remaining thoroughly conserving paper, The Presbyterian, shall be sustained and strengthened.

Denominational papers are rapidly decreasing in number. Under existing conditions only those which are endowed or subsidized can survive. In many cases they are being sustained by grants from denominational boards, so that they naturally cease to be organs of independent opinion.

The Presbyterian has been, for nearly one hundred years, one of the most able and powerful defenders of the faith and advocate of Presbyterian principles. Today it has the largest circulation in its history, and due to economical management it is probably more nearly self-sustaining than any other publication in its field. Nevertheless, the annual deficit amounts to about \$15,000. and it is only thru the generous support of loyal friends that this greatly needed witness to Evangelical Truth can be continued.

We are addressing this appeal to a few of those whom we believe to be alive to the meaning of the present crisis; to solicit an annual subscription of \$100. for a period of four years. If you feel unable to assume responsibility for such an amount, a subscription for any smaller sum, will be deeply appreciated. It is to avoid frequent appeals and to relieve the management of financial anxiety that the four year period is suggested.

Faithfully yours,

Committee

SPECIAL FUND OCTOBER 24, 1925.

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C O P Y

LUANZA MISSION
ELIZABETHVILLE, via Cape Town,
CONGO BELGE
1 February 1924

Dear Mr. Pierson,

Many thanks, indeed, for the kind cheque and the "marked copy". Thanks for your kind mediation in the matter of that autobiography of mine, and THE PRESBYTERIAN let it be for serial rights in America. I was born and bred a true blue Presbyterian and love to think of my dear old pastor winning my soul for Christ. Those were the days when we began real Church union in Drummonds' day.

Last week we joyfully baptized more than twenty saved-and-know-it African souls. Now today comes the news of thirteen baptized in our branch Church on the North shore of the Lake. Let me give you one instance of how one old-fashioned phrase from His word delivers unto salvation. Cold and casual to an American it was that stabbing sentence "THE SECOND DEATH". Now try and imagine (but oh you cannot! what a strange thing this African sinner has struck in such an incredible phrase, never, no never known in all the centuries of African night, THE SECOND DEATH. Why, this is the only certainty among all men, I mean a man, any man, of any colour can only die once. Once only once! It is their everlasting jibe. It is their cheapest comment that any sort of man can only die once.

And here comes a new phase of the dignity of our work. Here comes a new point of prestige for the old mud Mission house. What? So a man can really die twice? So this SECOND DEATH is as endless as Eternity? So this is why the white Missionaries "hurried" (?) to tell the awful tale of such a wild warning. When a house is on fire do not people rush to the flaming spot. This is what the African thinks of it. THIS SECOND DEATH is the key. No wonder (thinks he) we are at it night and day. IF (and there is no IF about it) if that great doom lies ahead, then why not leave all and come on, far on in to warn their African tribes of the dark doom ahead. The great Mines to the South and all the great trading houses dwarf into nothing when compared with the humble Mission and this its momentous message of doom.

Thus it was in not one case but many that this initial phrase about the SECOND DEATH led them on to the Eternal Life in Christ! So I ask you to pray for all, such and for us that God may keep us bright for Him. Again thanking you for the loving gift, so unexpected.

Loyally yours,
D. Crawford.

"These hath God married
And no man can part
Dust on the Bible
Means dust on the heart."

*This is from the famous
Dust on the Bible
book interpreted the
plan of the*

Thanks for the good Review of my poor old book. I am anchored here as the Catholics are longing to gobble up Christs' lambs so do not know until too late the what and the who of any such amenities. Luanza Mission please note has its legal charter straight from the King so we have the same status as any other society, I being the Representant legale of same. I think this should be known as the modern "free lance" is sometimes and unknown quantity.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
PRINCETON NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

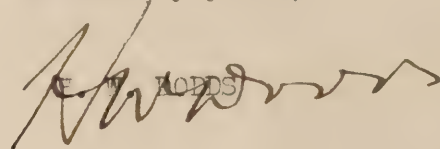
February 5th, 1934.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

The deeper I get into my first year's work, the more remote becomes the possibility of my being able to do an article for you along the lines we have discussed. As you know, the subject does not lie in my customary field. We are now entering budget-making time here, and balancing the budget is a difficult matter these days. For this reason I don't expect to have any free time for anything except a few speaking commitments at Princeton functions to which I am already committed, between now and summer.

With best wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. V. Rieu", with a stylized, flowing script.

The Rev. Stewart M. Robinson,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Elizabeth, N. J.

The Court of Appeals of the State of New York

Foripen N.Y., Feb. 7, 1934.

Dear Dr Robinson,

I think that I may be guilty of repetition if I tell you about Miss Douglas. When I came home in November I found her at the desk as usual but without her usual pep. She expressed doubt as to her ability to do her work but managed to get through with the usual quiver of opinion. She has had troubles

from the county jail carry her up and down stairs and has travelled by taxi instead of her car. She has grown worse, been at the hospital for observation and is now at home in bed. The idea is that she is worn out,

She is a remarkable girl, full of grit and determination, and she hates life prison to give up but she will have to decide before long what she will do.

So far as I know, she has no relatives around her and no near friends. SS

Jenny, who seems kindly disposed, is one of her pet cousins.

I am not meaning to suggest that there is anything that you can or should do. Quite the contrary. She is being properly cared for, I think. She may be able to come back after a long rest, but I doubt it. On the other hand, I see no signs of early dissolution.

I am writing merely because I think she would like you to know about her. Perhaps you do know.

With love regards to Mrs. Robinson and all the little Robinsons.

Sincerely yours,
Cuthbert W. Towne

J. HOWARD PEW
1608 WALNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA

February 8, 1934

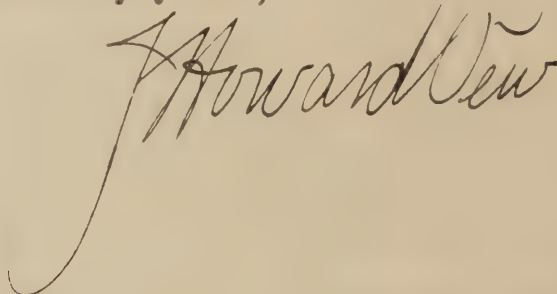
Dr. Stewart M. Robinson,
Second Presbyterian Church,
East Jersey Street, near Broad,
Elizabeth, N.J.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I have your letter of February 3d advising that the postcards have gone out to the Presbyterian ministers and will be glad to know the results.

I think we should wait until we get these results before deciding on approaching the United Presbyterian ministry.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Howard Pew". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Howard Pew".

JHP:B



PARK AND LEXINGTON AVENUES
FORTY-NINTH AND FIFTIETH STREETS

The Waldorf-Astoria

New York

February 9, 1934

Dear Mr. Robinson:-

I have been trying to think of something to say about my friend, the Presbyterian clergyman. I am afraid it would be a hopelessly empty editorial. It all happened long, long ago; and I have even forgotten his name.

About my coming to Elizabeth:- My usual fee for a personal appearance is from three hundred dollars on up; but owing to the fact that I can get out there after my broadcast, and not lose time in travel, I will be glad to reduce it to two hundred. Some evening in May would suit me best, a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday night. The title of my talk would be "Adventures Around the World and on the Air."

If you or any of your friends are ever in New York and would like to go through Radio City, I would be very happy indeed to arrange it.

Cordially yours,

Walter Thomas



IN THE SERVICE OF THE CHURCH

Please return this card

Westminster Choir School

John Finley Williamson, Mus. B. Pres.

Princeton, New Jersey.

February 13, 1934

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Elizabeth, N. J.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I sincerely trust that the projected merger of our denomination with the U. P. Church goes through. It seems to me that the fewer denominations we have the more religion we will all have.

I am sorry that I cannot at the present time prepare an article on "The possibilities of the Psalms as vehicles of worship". I must have ready for the publishers by the 15th of March two complete programs for our tour of Russia in September and October. Three-fourths of this material is entirely new so I am forced to neglect everything else because of this. Since we go on this tour representing in a semi-office fashion the Government of the United States as well as the music culture, I must give all of my time to this responsibility. Later on I shall be very happy to attempt to do such an article if you should wish.

Can you tell me anything about the old treatise published in 1818, which you mentioned in your letter of the 2nd?

I shall be very happy to be of service to you at any time when I am not so pressed for time and I should never consider at any time the question of money.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Williamson

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

156 FIFTH AVENUE

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

NEW YORK February 15, 1934
(Dict. Feb. 13)

The Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D. D.,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Elizabeth, New Jersey.

My dear Stewart:

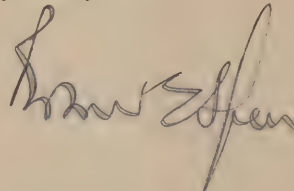
I thank you very much for your good letter of yesterday. I hope that our Board will be able to adopt a full reply to the Friendly Statement of the Chester Presbytery at its meeting on Monday afternoon, February 19. We have sent the draft of a reply to all the members of the Board, but I am afraid that they will not be sending their comments in advance and that we may not be able to have the statement until the evening of the 19th, which I judge would throw it over to the issue of the 29th.

I trust with you that we are going to experience a real awakening of the Church's giving. Dr. Brank writes that last Sunday morning the matter was presented in their church and that the church agreed to undertake to raise \$8,000 additional for foreign missions between now and Easter.

With kind regard -

Very cordially yours,

RES:AMW



J. HOWARD PEW
1608 WALNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA

February 16, 1934

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson,
Second Presbyterian Church,
East Jersey Street, near Broad,
Elizabeth, N.J.

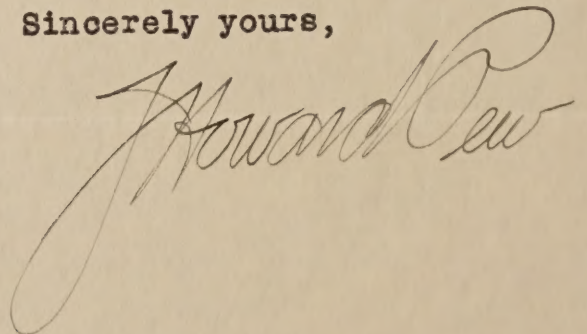
Dear Dr. Robinson:

I have your letter and was interested in reading your reactions. I was very much afraid that this questionnaire would stir up some feeling.

I agree with you that you should arrange the findings of the survey and then turn over the results to Dr. Stevenson and the Joint Committee for their inspection, and leave it with them to decide what if anything should be released for publication.

I should also like to know what your findings are, so as to develop my own viewpoint.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Howard Pew". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "J. Howard Pew".

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

February 20, 1934

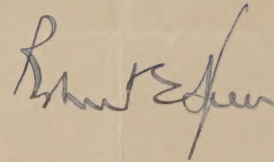
OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.,
Second Presbyterian Church,
East Jersey Street,
Elizabeth, N.J.

My dear Stewart,

I had hoped to be able to send you the final draft of the reply of the Board to the "Friendly Statement" of the Chester Presbytery. It was fully discussed at the Board meeting yesterday, and was referred to a special committee with power to revise the draft in accordance with suggestions that had been made, and to communicate it to the Presbytery. I do not know how soon this Committee will be prepared with its final draft, but as soon as I can get a copy of it I will send it to you. President Herrick of Girard College is Chairman of the Committee.

Very cordially yours,



RES:C.

Glendale - February 25, 1934

Dear Mr. Robinson:

You wrote me early in January - and I have shamefully postponed making reply. I was glad to get your letter - and wanted to write, as you suggested, about our church canvass. It is a subject in which I am deeply interested - but I just did not find the time to devote to the article that you proposed. I could give a list of excuses - but I will refrain - because I once heard a minister say that an excuse is just the recitation of circumstances under which a man fails to do his duty. I suppose, of course, that it is too late for such articles to be of any use this year - but if you want something from me, next year, just try me again and I will try to respond.

As I told a group recently, I have been interested in church finances for fifty years. Being a ministers son, the finances of a certain Village Church, were of absorbing interest, because summer vacations, clothes for school and many other needs - depended upon the payments of fathers salary. I appreciate now, I fancy, than most people, the pleasure of belonging to a church that is thoroughly businesslike and that balances its budgets.

New Jersey, by the way, is of special interest to me, because my mother lived, as a girl, in

Camden, New Brunswick and Princeton. Father was educated in Princeton and found mother there, her uncle being Treasurer of the College. Mother's father graduated from Princeton Seminary in 1844. He was the first pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Camden. He conducted a school for girls in Philadelphia and was the first principal of the school that is now Drew Seminary at Carmel, N.Y. So you can imagine that I enjoy motoring in your State - and in surrounding country.

I hope you will carry out your plans and visit Cleland next summer. I think you will be pleasantly surprised, in some respects. I shall hope to see you and to discuss matters of common interest.

Regretting my failure to comply with your request, I am

Sincerely yours,

Albert A. McClen.